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May proved cool and rather wet. Hard on my Cacti. Almost all early spring flowers now dormant. No more Spring, Beauty, Toothwort Bluets, Viola Rafinesque until next spring. Wood Sorrel still with us but will go to sleep through the very hot weather.

Am sold out of young Sempervivums and will have no more of the S. Tectorum for quite a while. Were you ever afflicted with a pup? If so, you can understand. Ralph, my youngest son, is away at work and has left his small, half Boston bull, to my tender mercies.

I had a leaky slop jar holding a big mother plant of the S. Tectorum and surrounded with a big brood of "chickens." Decided some were big enough to wean. Set jar on front porch and went about something else for perhaps a quarter of an hour. Returned to find entire lot of plants gone. Search produced the mother plant, shaken to a frazzle and two small chicks. Reckon Spot ate the others. I planted both chicks. One died but the other may live. And I have one young plant left from a previous "hatch." Can say this for myself: I did not use very strong language out loud. Spot out ran me.

SINGLE PEONIES

Benjamin Auten, Carterville, Mo.

If you do not like single Peonies it must be because you are not acquainted with them. The most beautiful flower that ever grows on a plant of Cahusac is an open center side bud, much handsomer than the flowsy, overcrowded center bud.

A single Peony is as big as a double, and holds an equally big place in the patch. It's golden center throws a glow into a patch that nothing else in Peonies can match.

Also, the singles do not pound their heads in the mud when the rains come. Also, they are graceful, not so stiff and stupid as the doubles. The singles have some faults. As they ripen, the pollen scatters over the flower making it dirty. They do not have a good odor, neither do the pollen bearing doubles. If there is only a single row of petals, damage to one petal spoils the flower; but some singles have two rows, and maybe some, three. The yellow centered Japs have no pollen to shed, but their centers are not so brilliant.

As to colors, in both Peonies and Tulips, it is the darkest flower in either patch or bouquet that gives it the highest brilliancy. A really white Tulip dulls the bouquet. White Peonies are not so glaringly white.

ORANGE TREES AS HOUSE PLANTS

Mrs. Ed Wills,

R. 3, Harrodsburg, Ky.

About 12 years ago I bought a small Orange tree with 3 or 4 oranges on it. Now it is 4 feet high and that broad across, blooming and carrying oranges ready to ripen. Last year it had about 60 to ripen, not so large as our store oranges but very sweet, no seed and thin peel. It is very attractive, as those people who never visit the South can say: "We saw an Orange tree with ripe oranges on it."

I also have a growing Pineapple plant in a crock. I cut top off a ripe Pineapple, put in soil and my plant grew.

There is another advantage about these Orange trees not mentioned above, and that is: burglar protection. My mother had two, even larger than Mrs. Wills', standing in

big wooden boxes, handles projecting on opposite sides. When frost threatened, we would hire two stout negro men to carry the boxes into our big, well lighted cellar, where our semi-dormant plants stayed until spring.

One night mother and I were staying at the house alone. Early in the night we heard some one in the cellar, then the noise became louder; then he was evidently charging around. You know Orange trees have very long, strong and sharp thorns. Then he left without reaching the stairway. Doubtless he thought there were a dozen of those trees down there.

Some time ago I borrowed the money and bought the All Weather Laying House sold by the E. C. Young Co., Randolph, Mass. Paid for the Easy Chore Patent Back and think it a good investment for an old woman. Freight brought the total cost to a few cents under \$61. Ralph set it up for me. A woman living alone would have to hire this done, but even if she hired a man, he could hardly make changes, and she would have a first class back yard hen house for a dozen hens and one rooster. If she kept Bantams still more hens could be kept in it.

I have a large Barton Salt Co.'s calendar hanging near my desk. When eggs are gathered in evening, I note in space for that day, the number. At close of month, calendar is taken down and on back is noted number of eggs laid, price, feed bought and price. Before getting this house we were not getting enough eggs from 15 hens to supply my family of three adults.

In less than a week had discovered an egg eater and sold her. Price noted on back of calendar. Later culled out two non-paying boarders.

We are getting all the eggs we can use from the smaller number of hens, which compensates for my labor, and total return from them pays

for feed and a nice amount each month, against cost of equipment. A man could doubtless buy second-hand material and do the work himself for much less than I have paid out. But for a woman who must buy materials and hire a carpenter, she will be out as much money, and no telling what she will have, except it will be in the general class of hen houses.

The big leak in my poultry business is social chicken roasts. My hens are big and fat and already four have disappeared. I wish the preachers would take a spell of preaching straight from the shoulder on the Ten Commandments.

After rather more than half a century of poultry keeping, I am convinced that the big cause for dissatisfaction with back yard flocks lies in choosing farm breeds and following farm methods—that is, unless you want to fight with your neighbors. Most American breeds have been developed for farm use; but in other parts of the world, land is too high priced for even poultry runs. Chickens must thrive and pay in small space. There are many such breeds and some of them really beautiful.

In my opinion Bantams stand at the head of the list for clear profit, but if a big chicken is wanted, Dark Brahmas, Buff Cochins and both White and Buff Orpingtons have proven very satisfactory to me, kept under a modified Philo system. Blue Andalusians are a white egg breed. For me they do well in confinement and less given to hysterics than any other breed of that class that I have tested. My son David, is to send me money for Partridge Cochins baby chicks, now that baby chick feed is again obtainable, and later I hope to report on them.

“And ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.”—1 John 3: 15.

The recent murder of a negro prisoner by a mob in South Carolina was a sad disgrace; but such as many states have had to endure. Satan finds his myrmydons among the emotionally unstable everywhere. But for a legally constituted jury to brazenly condone murder, if the victim is one of a minority; and for a supposedly intelligent lawyer to claim that our grand doctrine of State's Rights includes approval of such outrages, is a disgrace to that state and our whole nation. It lowers us in the eyes of the watching world to a level with Nazism. By such action that jury and lawyer made themselves accessory after the fact and I hope the God of justice punishes them as they deserve, both in this world and the next.

In his book, "One World," Wendell Wilkie states that one of the Siberian provinces in easy reach of salt water, is anxious to sell to the U. S. immense amount of newspaper pulpwood. Now why is it, if that is correct, that we common people must suffer from lack of paper. This issue of The Yellow Sheets and the previous one, are being delayed in mailing for lack of wrappers.

Will the pen friend who wrote me of her garden experience in companion planting of Sweet Corn and Soy Beans, please write me again about it. Her letter accidentally was destroyed.

Does anyone know why nitrophoska is not generally on the market? This is an important fertilizer.

HARDY CACTI—10c EACH

OPUNTIA VULGARE (Common Prickly Pear) hardy, flower creamy yellow, fruit edible. Can be used as pot plant. Thrives in poor soil.

OPUNTIA ROBUSTA, stately lawn plant, hardy here to 15 below.

OPUNTIA RAMOSSISSIMA, hardy and dwarf, good in full sun in

rock gardens, also good as pot plant.

An almost spineless *Opuntia* found here in only one spot that I know of. May be Beaver Tail.

Opuntia Cholla, the dread Cholla of romance. Seems to be a good pot plant.

Echinopsis Scheleh Asi (never heard of a common name for it). Hardy here but would not advise exposure in a colder climate. Good pot plant. Shade lovers.

Christmas Fern, 2½ ft. tall. Green through the winter with us, becoming shabby in the spring. Needs shade. Good for base plantings on north side of house. Very hardy, 10c.

Ebony Spleenwort Fern, also green through winter, and unsightly in the spring. About 18 in. tall. Very hardy. Can stand more sun than the Christmas Fern, and often found growing in cracks of rocks and among roots of hardwood trees, 10c.

Blunt Lobed Woodsia Fern, often found growing with Ebony Spleenwort and needs same conditions. Hardy in colder climates than this, 10c.

There are a few Lady Ferns here and if able to walk that far, can furnish them at 10c each.

Bracken Fern, late in coming up. Hardy. The Indian women used the long roots in basket making. 10c.

Blue Iris Cristata, makes a fine ground cover in shady spots. 5c.

Amethyst colored Iris Cristata, more of a rock garden plant than the blue. I find it clambers over rocks, in deep shade. 5c.

WOOD SORRELL (a native *Oxalis*), another very early bloomer. Clover-like leaves decidedly reddish. Makes a small bulb and transplants readily even when in bloom. Different colors, white, cream and pink. Dormant after blooming. The shredded leaves are nice in salads

and some use them in soups. Does well in pots. Needs rather more than half shade, but thrives in rather poor soil.

WOOD BETONY (*Betonia*). I thought this was a Fern until I found it in bloom. Yellow flowers about the size and shape of Ragged Robins, nice clean stems, a good cut flower. Does not do well in pots for me. Indifferent to soil, but needs a damp spot and plenty of shade. The young leaves push up dark red, changing to dark green.

PARTRIDGEBERRY (*Michella repens*), also called Buckberry and Twinberry. A small-leaved ground cover, with tiny pinkish white, fragrant flowers in spring, always borne in pairs. Red berries in fall which hang on all winter. Does fairly well in one-pound coffee cans for me, if I lift a slab of moss with the little vines growing through it; divide by breaking moss apart; set moss and all on top of soft ground and pull dirt around the edges to keep out the air. Seems to need the moss for inoculation as I cannot get it to live at all without the moss. This plant furnishes one of the numerous botanical puzzles I run against in my work. Before the coming of the white man with his sinful squandering of God's gifts, the Quapaw women depended to a great extent upon this berry for winter desserts, stewing them with honey. Now, even knowing its haunts, and it is plentiful, I doubt if I could gather a teacupful of berries in a day's search. Hardy into Canada. Must have acid soil, and in South, needs deep shade. Can stand full sun in Michigan.

FIVE FINGERS (*Potentilla*) a rock garden plant, vine, does not seem to make a big plant. Neat yellow small flowers in early summer. Very hardy; needs no cultivation, likes to scramble over rocks. This is a medicinal plant.

CONFEDERATE VIOLETS, grey effect, thrive in poor soil and can stand more sun than others.

WHITE VIOLETS, force easily for late winter blooming IF you can keep mice away from the tiny buds.

Red *Tradescantia*, so called from the winter color of the leaves. Mother plants I brought in from clay bank hillsides, light shade, had deep maroon colored flowers; but only the Lord Himself knows what color they will be in your garden. Anything from bluish white through all the shades of blue and purple to deep maroon, will be entirely normal. One of the native Spiderworts. Very hardy.

HARDY ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

HARDY SEDUMS. All Sedums I call hardy can survive 15 below zero without protection. Some of them are hardy in the sub-Arctic. Most are fine for rock garden plants. Last year my *Sempervivums* made almost no increase. This year most are "hatching" chicks, and when my backlog of orders left from last year are filled, I hope to have a number of varieties of hardy Semps to offer. There is a rock garden plant par excellence. Most of the dwarf plants listed under other heads, and many of the wildlings, are also good for rock gardens.

I have wholesale quantities of the following Sedums: *Sarmentosum*, hardy to subarctic, pendant effect. One sent me *Glaucum*, much like album, but different flowers and winter coloring; Album white flowers; evergreen with us, an album hybrid has never bloomed for me, color of foliage slightly different, a grey green one which I think is *altissum*, good in rock garden, dish garden or as a pot plant; *Acre* and *Sexanfulare* much alike but different, both dwarf and good ground cover for clayey spots; *Maximoiczi*, little known in U.S.A.—two varieties which are in dispute among the botanists who have seen them. The dealer from whom I bought them

identified them as the rare pink-flowered *Stoloneferum*, and No. 28 as *Stoloneferum coccinea*; and the faculty of our State Experiment Station at Hope, Ark., agrees with him. Other botanists just as well posted say that both are unusual *Spurium* hybrids.

Have from one to a dozen plants of other varieties. Will trade, plant for plant, any *Sedum* listed for starts of others I do not have.

Any *Sedum* listed, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 5c.

Seven well-rooted, small clumps, all different, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 25c, postpaid.

If selection is left to me, 50 well-rooted *Sedums*, 10 varieties labeled, \$1.00.

If unlabeled, 1c each in lot of 25.

HOUSE PLANTS

Common Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Large Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Green and White Wandering Jew, 5c.

Purple and grey Wandering Jew, 5c.

A Cactus I cannot identify since my labels were mixed. Looks like the pictures of *Echinocereous Reichembachi*, white sticks, but the blooms are white. Only a few young plants, 10c. Has not bloomed for me.

Opuntia Elata, 10c.

Peanut Cactus (*Chamecerous Sylvestris*), 10c.

Opuntia Vilyi (dwarf tender), 10c.

Chinese Temple (*Kalanchoe daigermontiana*). Some say this is a *Bryophyllum*, 10c.

Kalanchoe Fedschenkoi, some say this also is a *Bryophyllum*. In bloom now, dark orange colored small flowers. 10c.

Green *Pedilanthus*, common name Red Bird Cactus.

An African wildling which looks like a *Bryophyllum*, but propagates like a *Geranium*. Tender to frost,

but otherwise nearly fool proof. Good winter bloomer. 10c.

Talinum, tender perennial, blooming early from seed. Tall, with pink flowers much like Baby's Breath. Seeds itself as far north as Topeka, Kansas. 5c each; 30c per doz.

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FOR SALE—Tree ripe, juicy and sweet, no coloring added, direct from our small grove, Oranges, Tangerines, Grapefruit, any kind or any mixture, f.o.b. \$3.50 bushel basket. Will barter for incubator or fancy Bantam. Ed Illsche, P. O. Box 727, Sanford, Fla.

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All Kinds of Flowers, 30 Canary Birds; cages, etc.; Gold Fish; Angora Rabbits; White Flemish Rabbits; all kinds vegetable plants. Write for list. Visitors always welcome. "Wills' Place of Flowers," R. 3, Harrodsburg, Mercer Co., Ky.

Pink Abelia; pink Weigelia; Variegated double Althea cuttings, 3 for 25c; small double variegated Pomgranite; yellow Forsythia; pink Almond; Bridal Wreath; Jan. Jasmine, rooted, 35c each. Orange Day Lilies, large bulbs, 30c doz.; 500 for \$10.00. Little blue Asters, wild; Jap. Sunflowers, 40c doz. Add postage. Miss Mautile Harrison, R. 2, Box 81, Bremen, Ga.

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born, 706 Judson Rives Bldg., Los Angeles 13, Calif.

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DON'T MONKEY WITH THE CAT

James Thompson, Belt, Mont.

Some years ago I had two green Scotch boys working for me. One day I and one of them had work away from the house which kept us until very late. The other was left alone and, looking around found a hole in the ground. Thinking to catch something, probably a hare, he set a trap. On our return we found him still up and he told us about the trap. "I think I caught a wee cattie." "Let it alone until morning." "No, that would be cruel."

We found a skunk in the trap. The boys asked if it was good for anything and I told them the fur is valuable. One of the boys got a club and crawled toward the little animal to kill it. When five or six feet away, he raised the club, declaring "Wait a minute and you'll be mine." Just then it turned—the boy leaped into the air and came tearing through the brush, snorting like a buffalo. As he passed he yelled, "Yon's a coarse beastie."

Early spring flowers dormant now and will not be available until next year.

The pink flowering *Neobessya Missouriensis* Cactis (don't know a common name for it) in full bloom now. This Cactus is hardy to zero, compact in growth and a fine pot plant. Especially good for a cold room where freezing comes occasionally.

My tub garden's giving us plenty of Lettuce, but only the first plantings of Radishes proved worthwhile. Later planting in well lined loam is making fine tops and no swelling of the roots.

Am experimenting with Climbing Cucumber and the new Climbing Tomato, each in a leaky 50-lb. lard can, very, very rich dirt. The Tomato is not a true climber, but can be

trained upward. Both flourishing and blooming but "God giveth the increase."

For Sale—Five acres unimproved land inside limits of Grannis. Clear title; no back taxes. Stock water and much standing fuel on place. \$150 cash. Ralph L. Cole, Grannis, Ark.

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. —Matthew 25:30.

When one of the Herods went to Rome to be confirmed in office he turned certain monies to three of his personal servants to invest for him. Evidently he must have had a good opinion of all three to place this confidence in them.

Jesus draws a parallel of this and the way God deals with people. The Lord gives us a chance to co-operate with Him. He places us in the circumstances under which we can render best service. If the job He wants done is a very particular one, He is likely to try us out with trouble piled on trouble, to prove if we can stand the gaff and are worth bothering with.

He gives us the tastes and abilities we will need IF we use them to the utmost. It must have kept two of the servants hustling considerably more than eight hours a day, and a lot of thinking overtime, to double the capital in their care, in that time. And their reward was praise from their employer and a lot bigger job and responsibility. The third may have been a law-abiding citizen, probably was, but he was afraid to take a chance and shirked responsibility. And the inevitable result was that he was left out of the Lord's scheme of action.

I doubt if a lazy person, or one who pities themselves stand much of a chance at salvation. They take the easy way.